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Chairman Tom Wheeler Commissioner Mignon Clyburn Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel Commissioner Ajit Pai Commissioner Michael O'Rielly Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

I write today to offer my support of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. I am a lifelong resident of suburban Kansas City. I have a long career in public service as an active duty Navy JAG officer, federal agency attorney and litigator and former U.S. Administrative Law Judge. have lived for the past twenty years in Shawnee, KS where I serve as State Representative of the 18th District in the Kansas House of Representatives.

I won my seat in 2010 by promoting common sense fiscal and social principles in a district in need of greater economic development. These principles quide me to wholeheartedly support the proposed transaction. I know my constituents who are current TWC subscribers will benefit from the wide variety of Comcast's broadband and entertainment offerings and community outreach efforts.

I believe Comcast is a genuine advocate for education. Through programs such as Internet Essentials and Digital Connectors, the company is reaching beyond a corporation's traditional scope to help local low-income schoolchildren and their families connect in the digital age. In Kansas, where Comcast currently serves a small area south of Kansas City, students and families have benefited from the Internet Essentials program. program provides low cost internet, affordable computers and free internet training to families with children eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. If the transaction with TWC is approved, many more qualifying families in existing Time Warner Cable markets will be able to take advantage of the program.

For residents and business owners, Comcast's remarkable developments in advanced video services and high-speed broadband and digital access are very Comcast's service will connect us to state-of-the-art video on demand and streaming video options, bringing innovative and stimulating entertainment to our living rooms and beyond. The addition of more Xfinity

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Wi-Fi hotspots will allow for greater access to the global, digital economy and marketplace than ever before.

Comcast has also proven to be a valuable community partner. As a former JAG corps member who served during the Vietnam era, I was pleased to learn that, as partners with the "Hiring our Heroes" program, Comcast and NBCUniversal share my strong commitment to hiring veterans at all levels.

In my decades of public service and my current commitment to the residents of Kansas's 18th district, I have worked hard to find solutions that best serve our residents and the future economic outlook of our state. The proposed TWC and Comcast transaction will have an enormously positive impact on all levels of our community. I urge the FCC to swiftly approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

Representative John Rubin